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MEMORANDUM FOR: STANDING COMMITTEE (SERVICE) MEMBERS OF  
THE IAC

SUBJECT: Free Flow of Policy and Operational Information  
to CIA

ENCLOSURE: Memorandum for the Chief, COAPS, from the AD/ORE,  
dated 7 April 1950, subject: "Content and Dis-  
tribution of the CIA Daily Summary."

1. For a considerable time this Agency has felt concern over the fact that while the Department of State is bending every effort to make its highest level intelligence and operational materials, which have utility for intelligence purposes, available to the Central Intelligence Agency, the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force normally do not provide operational matter. The bulk of the material withheld consists of operational cables which are not normally sent to the intelligence organizations of the Departments for action but are available to them. Various attempts have been made to obtain access to this traffic, which is of considerable importance to the production of both CIA current intelligence publications and national intelligence estimates, but results have not been forthcoming.

2. It appears, nevertheless, that another attempt should be made to resolve this matter because of the attitude of the Department of State, which is explained in the enclosure, although it should be emphasized that the main reason this cable traffic should be made available is its importance to national intelligence production.

3. It is suggested that CIA participation on the Services Reading Panels for the purpose of making a daily selection of cables, for which CIA has an intelligence requirement, might provide a satisfactory solution to this problem.

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4. It is requested that you look into this matter within your respective departments in order to assist in its resolution. A conference of the CIA and Service Members of the Standing Committee will be called to discuss the subject in the near future.

PRESCOTT CHILDS, Chief  
Coordination, Operations  
and Policy Staff

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